

# **Meeting Summary**

Funding Committee
4/21/2015
Cherokee Conference Room
3514 Bush St.
Raleigh, NC
2:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Members Present	Staff Present	<u>Guest</u>
Jason Barbour - Chair	Tina Bone	Lee Canipe – phone
Randy Beeman	Richard Bradford	Catherine Clark
David Bone - phone	Dave Corn	Kelly Palmer
Andrew Grant - phone	David Dodd	Brenda Womble - phone
Del Hall - phone	Marsha Tapler	
Tonya Pearce	Richard Taylor	
Wesley Reid - phone		
Laura Sykora		
Members Absent	Staff Absent	
Tommy Cole		
Len Hagaman – vice Chair		

### 1. Chairs Opening Remarks

Richard Taylor called the roll for the meeting. Jason Barbour called meeting to order.

## 2. Funding Reconsiderations:

### **Person County**

Marsha discussed Person County's request for reconsideration. Marsha stated at the last meeting this reconsideration was tabled because we needed a go live date. The go live date for the install to be completed is late July to early August...supposed to go live in May but the

carrier couldn't get the data migration completed. Looked at Milestone schedule. Marsha has been told that billing for ANI/ALI would begin in September and voice Jan. 2016. Staff recommends to fund from September until the end of the year...Jason said we support a ten month calculation...staff will determine what that figure is...Laura asked if we needed to fund the software license for 12 months and the rest for 10. Richard Taylor suggested to approve the 12 months instead of 10. Approve the total amount...it's still the same to make it simpler. Randy made a motion that we approve the additional funding as requested....David Bone 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor

### Raleigh/Wake reconsideration

Jason stated we have 2 representatives from there here. Kelly and Catherine... Richard Taylor explained the reconsideration for Raleigh/Wake. This centers around the move to their new PSAP. The new PSAP will have approx. 54 positions...but not the whole center will be turned on at once. Parts of the request had a lot of ineligible items. They were looking at 100% cost for implemental functions. Requested FY2016 includes purchase and replacement of CAD system... \$8,093,668.86 this is for implementing an ESINET and VOIP so they have a one-time capital purchase and then monthly recurring costs and have provided documentation to reflect costs. Tonya asked if they were going to have the staff for 54 consoles....no...they will start with 40. The request is based on the new positions. Jason stated we can't treat them any differently than others. Tonya stated she didn't know if they needed 40 right now because they are doing a staffing study and that hasn't been completed...Laura Sykora stated we don't have any authority over how many people they have or don't have. Tonya stated they would need extra seats at their backup center. Richard Taylor said yes this is where we struggle because the backup center hasn't been addressed. We've done nothing as far as the backup center. Technically they have until July 1, 2016 to do something about that so we cannot force that issue today, but we cannot leave it behind. Richard Taylor stated we don't have the authority to tell them the number of positions they are putting in. Jason asked is there definitely concrete supporting documentation that this is going to happen this fiscal year. Richard Taylor said the answer on one hand is yes it will happen...will they be filled as with people sitting in the seat...no, but the hardware will be installed this fiscal year. Jason asked if CAD was going to be operational in FY15-16.

Catherine stated to bid it and pay for it we have to have a funding source. Richard Bradford stated there are a couple competing interests here one is that the board can approve a reconsideration but it imposes limitations on the board and the requesting party. One of the problems here is that local government needs to be assured that the money is available when they need it. Local government can post an RFP if the board approves the reconsideration. Richard Taylor stated so if the reconsideration for \$3.1 million and that portion doesn't kick in until 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter...it appears that implementation is in the next fiscal year, however what does implementation mean? Richard Bradford suggested not to pay a dime when the contract is signed. Richard Taylor said maybe back the \$3.1 million out for the moment. The price of the software license should also come out now.

Much conversation on Marvlis software. Wesley Reid explained what they used the software for. Laura Sykora made a recommendation to not fund this but if Raleigh/Wake can provide more information in the June reconsideration then we may consider it. Marvlis would have to be added to our eligible expenditures before we could pay for it and that would have to be voted on by the Funding Committee and the Board.

Marsha explained costs for implemental functions. Randy Beeman thinks we should wait on the CAD implemental function as well since this person will be working on the new CAD system. Marsha said the last one for this reconsideration is an implemental function for addressing...they have provided a bill that lists what it does. Laura made motion to approve 2,861,093.36 for Raleigh/Wake for FY15/16 fiscal year. Randy Beeman 2<sup>nd</sup>. Jason Barbour stressed that we encourage them to come back for the things we didn't approve. We're trying to help and not hurt the PSAP. All in favor.

### **Stanley County**

Laura Sykora abstaining—Richard Taylor explained the reconsideration information. CenturyLink should have been paid for out of grant funds not a reconsideration. Jason Barbour stated that 12 months of that should be encumbered by the grant because they quit paying CenturyLink... trying to force them to complete the grant. The phone bill was total and separate from the grant per Richard Taylor.

Marsha explained how she came up with the fund balance numbers. Randy Beeman asked do we have any way of making them pay their bill because if we give them the funds then they could still hold that money. Randy asked do we have any way of getting assurance that they would pay the CenturyLink bill? Richard Bradford stated the expense for the service is an eligible cost and should be funded...if there were penalties and interests on top of those costs those would not be eligible and would be the burden of the local government to pay. Jason asked if we had any way to ask for documentation from them to pay this bill. Richard Bradford stated yes but we don't have the authority over local government to make them pay their bill in a timely manner.

Jason asked is this P25 upgrade and the other upgrades...do we have documentation to prove that it's going to happen in this fiscal year or is this something that they're fixing to do? Marsha said it was her understanding that their first payment was due in October and their debt service would be for 15 years for the P25 system. Tonya asked do we have the authority to say that we approve the suggestion provided the fund balance is paid down as outlined in their documentation. Richard Bradford said you can but it won't make any difference. Tonya made motion to approve reconsideration is presented. Randy Beeman 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. All in favor. Laura Sykora abstained.

#### 3. Administrative Line Cap

Richard Taylor wants to look at capping the administrative phone lines. Richard Taylor suggested making a cap on administrative phone lines at \$75.00. Jason Barbour said but also have an appeal process. Randy made a motion for administrative lines not to exceed 75.00 per seat. Laura Sykora made amendment that there will be an appeal process.....Tonya 2<sup>nd</sup> motion as amended.

Jason Barbour stated if a PSAP stays under 75.00 and they have a bell and whistle that we're not going to say anything....as long as it stays under 75.00. Richard Taylor asked Richard Bradford if we were ok to do that.

Laura asked why \$75.00 if we're not going to question the bells and whistles. Richard Taylor stated because you may be getting your phone from Frontier which is not on state contract. Richard Bradford said one of the difficulties that he sees is this is one relatively

minor element in a long list of eligible costs and the general theory on this would be to establish and model cost based on PSAP size or seat or whatever...to pick and choose expenses that then have no real rational relationship with the funding model is a mixture of fruits in the same basket and so the criticism that may come is that the decision making is rather arbitrary. Jason stated what we're trying to accomplish here is what we heard from our work session. Staff has spent a lot of untold dollars chasing a penny on administrative lines....this attempt is to try to quit wasting tons of dollars chasing a penny. Tonya wants to table for further discussion. Randy withdrew motion and Tonya withdrew 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Jason adjourned at 4:23....Thursday may 28<sup>th</sup> is a work session for the board and the board wants the Funding Committee there as well because some of that meeting will deal with the eligible expenditure list.